

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE (CDFA) CALIFORNIA CITRUS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CCAC) December 5, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Teleconference

MEMBERS PRESENT

Curtis Holmes
Al Bates
Gus Gunderson
Seth Wollenman
Scott Woods
Michael Stark
Mark Golden

MEMBERS ABSENT

David Hines John Gless Keeley Bramer

INTERESTED PARTIES

Scott Cornett, Tulare County Gavin Iacono, Tulare County Scotti Walker, Fresno County Ron Bray, Riverside County Steve Schweser, Kings County Jennifer Stilwell, Kern County Lori Roders, Kern County Manuel Villicana, Kern County

Korinne Bell, Ventura County Michelle Thom, Santa Clara County Bob Salcedo, CA Citrus Growers Assoc.

Bob Blakely, CA Citrus Mutual

CDFA

Steve Patton Stacey Hughes Andrew Valero Sarah Cardoni Amanda Gilbert

ITEM 1: ROLL CALL

The Committee was called to order at 2:06 p.m. by Ms. Stacey Hughes. Roll was called and a quorum was established. The agenda item Freezing Temperatures and Freeze Damage Assessment Plans was added.

ITEM 2: MATURITY INSPECTION AND EXPENSE UPDATE FROM COUNTIES

Counties provided maturity inspection and expense updates through November. Based on information provided by counties, maturity inspections will end by December 15th with the exception of Southern California counties who will continue based on their needs to test local fruit.

ITEM 3: CONTINUATION OF MATURITY TESTING

MOTION: Mr. Mark Golden motioned to end maturity testing as of December 15 and allow counties to test local harvest as needed. Mr. Scott Woods seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 4: FREEZING TEMPERATURES AND FREEZE DAMAGE ASSESMENT PLANS

Temperature reports were discussed. Due to low temperatures, counties were asked to collect samples from the coldest areas and to hold the samples for 48 hours before cutting. The samples shall include 33 pieces of mandarins, lemons, and navels. The remaining amount of the maturity agreements can be utilized to do a freeze assessment and counties can begin freeze inspections.

ITEM 5: PUBLIC COMMENT

This item was not discussed.

ITEM 6: NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held via teleconference on December 10, 2013, at 2:00 p.m.

ITEM 7:ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was recessed by Mr. Gus Gunderson, Chairman. The meeting will reconvene on December 10, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. via teleconference.

Respectfully submitted by:

Stacey Hughes, Agriculture Program Supervisor II

Inspection and Compliance Branch

Inspection Services